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## **BEARTOOTH COMPOSITE SQUADRON CADETS COMPLETE NCO TRAINING**

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**BILLINGS, MT** Members of Beartooth Composite Squadron recently completed a two-weekend Cadet NCO course. The course was held on two Saturdays, October 22nd and November 19th. Leading the course and providing most of the instruction was Maj. Sam Dauer, United States Army, Ret., who is also a Senior Member Lt. Col. in Civil Air Patrol. Cadet Senior Master Sgts. Jessie Schauble and Carl Schmidt assisted him.

Instruction during the course included: The Role of the NCO, Leadership Traits and Styles, How to Give Instruction, Situational Leadership, Counseling and Mentorship, Management Principles, Problem Solving Skills, and How to Conduct and Instruct Drill. In addition, each graduating cadet gave a fifteen-minute presentation on a topic of their choice. Past topics range from The History of the Uniform to How to Read Guitar Tablature.

By the end of the course, attendees had received 14 hours of instruction and practical exercises. Cadets who successfully completed the course were presented with certificates of completion which had been personally designed by Maj. Dauer. Two cadets successfully completed the course, Staff Sgt. Alyson Anderson and Senior Airman Ian Shields. A third cadet was unable to complete the second half of the course due to work requirements and will complete the course on a yet-to-be-determined make up date.

## **PEARL HARBOR AND CIVIL AIR PATROL**

### **Forever Linked in History**

"Created just days before the attack on Pearl Harbor"... "a week before Pearl Harbor was attacked." These phrases, part of the opening chapter of our organization's history, are familiar to every CAP member. In fact, an Internet search revealed that almost every reference to CAP by other organizations includes one of these phrases.

December 7 is Pearl Harbor Day. Whether you are a younger member just learning about the significance of Pearl Harbor, a well-seasoned member who personally remembers the day, or an in-between who has known about the Pearl Harbor attack since sometime in middle school, it is impossible to look at the history of Civil Air Patrol without also mentioning Pearl Harbor.

Pearl Harbor propelled the United States into World War II, but many Americans saw the AXIS threat long before Dec. 7, 1941. Among them were nearly 150,000 men and women involved in aviation. As early as 1938, they began to argue for the creation of an organization to harness their aviation resources to aid the nation in the event America entered the conflict. Their efforts, led by writer-aviator Gill Robb Wilson and supported by Gen. Henry "Hap" Arnold, resulted in the creation of the Civil Air Patrol on Dec. 1, 1941. First organized under the Office of Civilian Defense, headed by former New York Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, Civil Air Patrol members became the "Minutemen" of World War II, volunteering their time, resources, and talents to defend the nation's borders and fill the gaps as men and resources were being mobilized to fight abroad. The War Department, especially the Army Air Forces, recognized the important roles performed by CAP. In April 1943, CAP was reassigned from the Office of Civilian Defense to the War Department and placed under the jurisdiction of the Army Air Forces.

To learn more about Pearl Harbor Day, visit these especially interesting sites (*press control and left-click to view*):

Find survivors' stories and a multimedia map at the [www.nationalgeographic.com/pearlharbor/](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/pearlharbor/). Visit the [www.history.navy.mil](http://www.history.navy.mil) to see selected images. Read a soldier's first-person account at [www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/pearl.htm](http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/pearl.htm). Hear President Roosevelt's famous Day of Infamy Speech at [www.pearlharborattacked.com/](http://www.pearlharborattacked.com/). Find interactive maps, 3-D animated ships and planes, sound and documentary videos, and two teen's eyewitness accounts at [www.essentialpearlharbor.com/](http://www.essentialpearlharbor.com/).

## **SURRATT MEMORIAL WINTER SURVIVAL CLINIC JANUARY 20, 21 & 22, 2006**

The Montana Aeronautics Division invites you to attend the Surratt Memorial Winter Survival Clinic to be held in Helena at the National Guard Armory and at a field location for the outdoor overnight session. The course will be taught by acclaimed survival experts Skip Stoffel and Paul Green of Emergency Response International, Cashmere, Washington.

Registration will begin at 3:30 P.M. on January 20, and the Clinic will kick off at 4:00 P.M. in the National Guard Armory, 3330 Skyway Drive, Room 116 in Helena with classroom instruction. Classroom teaching will resume on Saturday morning at 8:00 A.M. with an equipment check and then to the field session. The outdoor survival training exercise will begin at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday afternoon and continue until Sunday at noon.

The classroom training sessions are open to anyone interested, however, due to limited group size requirements, a maximum of 30 applicants will be selected to participate in the outdoor overnight session. Applicants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. The clinic is sponsored by the Montana Aeronautics Division and partially funded by the Surratt Memorial. There will be a \$10.00 registration fee for participants attending the entire clinic. For those attending only the classroom session there will be a \$5.00 registration fee.

Further information and a printable registration form will soon be posted on the [Upcoming](#) page of [www.mtwg.cap.gov](http://www.mtwg.cap.gov).

### **Flathead Composite Cadets Visit Crime Lab**



Last Thursday, squadron cadets got to see the inside of a crime lab. CAP member Maj. Pat Walsh, who is a detective with the Flathead County Sheriff's Department, and a fingerprint expert, demonstrated how to use Super Glue to find fingerprints. Cadets also learned about forged check investigations, which Maj. Walsh stated are usually related to meth and drug cases.

## **HOLIDAY SAFETY BRIEF**


Be sure to check out the December safety topic on the Safety page at [www.mtwg.cap.com](http://www.mtwg.cap.com). This online Powerpoint presentation will help you keep safe through the upcoming holiday season. (To move through the presentation, press the **PAGE DOWN** button on your keyboard.) Each month we will feature a different safety topic, which may also be accessed from the Safety page of the Montana Wing website, which has been undergoing extensive renovations and is nearly done. The Safety page will also feature the current issue of Sentinel, the Official Safety Newsletter of Civil Air Patrol, and a number of links to safety resources and training topics.

### **New Safety Pledge**

Just in from National, here is the newly reworded version of the CAP safety pledge:



United States Air Force Auxiliary  
Civil Air Patrol



**Safety Pledge**

"As a Civil Air Patrol member I pledge to promote an uncompromising safety environment for myself and others, and to prevent the loss of, or damage to Civil Air Patrol assets entrusted to me. I will perform all my activities in a professional and safe manner, and will hold myself accountable for my actions in all of our Missions for America"

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